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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re PAUL and CONSTANCE SORENSEN, and the marital community thereof, as owners and operators of the M/V SOL MATES,

Plaintiffs.

Cause No. C21-1000RSL

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On or about July 27, 2021, plaintiffs Paul and Constance Sorensen, as the owners and operators of the M/V SOL MATES, filed a "Complaint for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability" under Supplemental Admiralty Rule F. Plaintiffs seek a declaration regarding their liabilities, if any, arising from a fire aboard the M/V SOL MATES on March 29, 2021, at the Quartermaster Yacht Club Marina on Vashon Island. Having reviewed the complaint and the remainder of the record, it is HEREBY ORDERED as follows.

- (1) Plaintiffs shall, within five days of the date of this Order, deposit into the Registry of the Court security for costs in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) as provided in Local Supplemental Admiralty Rule 120(b). Additional security for costs at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum shall be paid into the Registry on or before the anniversary date of this Order until judgment is entered in the above-captioned matter or the case is dismissed.
- (2) Plaintiffs shall make reasonable efforts to identify the owners and operators of the M/V LADY CJ, the S/V ROSE, the S/V MARY CLARE, and the Quartermaster Yacht Club

Marina and shall document their efforts, whether successful or unsuccessful. Plaintiffs shall, not later than the day of the second publication required in paragraph (3), send or deliver copies of the complaint and this Order to each of them and to every other person known to have a claim against the vessel or the plaintiffs arising out of the fire from which the claims sought to be limited arose.

- (3) Plaintiffs shall publish a copy of this Order in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce for four consecutive weeks starting the week of August 16, 2021.
- (4) Any person who has or may have a claim with respect to which the complaint seeks exoneration or limitation shall file his or her claim with the Clerk of the Court under the above cause number no later than October 25, 2021. Each claim shall comply with the requirements of Supplemental Admiralty Rule F(5). A copy of such claim shall be served on or mailed to the attorney for plaintiffs, Donald McLean, Bauer Moynihan & Johnson LLP, 2101 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2400, Seattle, WA 98121.
- (5) If a claimant desires to contest either plaintiffs' right to exoneration from or the right to limitation of liability, he or she shall file and serve an answer to the complaint in the above-captioned matter unless such answer is included in the claim filed pursuant to paragraph (4).

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021.

Robert S. Lasnik

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United States District Judge

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